

**REMARKS**

The above preliminary amendment is made to make changes to claim 1 - 11 and to cancel claims 12-16.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

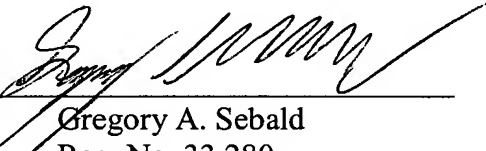
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Seblad (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

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